July 7, 2023

2023-2024 School Nutrition Program Application Packet Information

The **School Nutrition Program (SNP) Application Packet** for the 2023-2024 school year is open and available for completion. The application is completed via the DESE Applications Sign-in.

You will NOT be able to submit a claim until your application packet has been approved. A confirmation will not be sent when the packet is approved. To check on the status of the packet please log into the web application system. Packets are approved in the order received therefore the packet may not be approved immediately. If you have questions on the status of your application packet, please contact our office or your regional Nutrition Program Specialist. See the list for the Food and Nutrition Services Contact Information.

The **Food Safety Inspections Report** is available within your SNP Application and this is due on September 15. This report **must** be completed prior to submitting the first claim. See the image below for instructions on how to access the report. For additional due dates please review the Food and Nutrition Services Calendar.

Please feel free to contact our office at 573-751-3526, or foodandnutritionservices@dese.mo.gov if you have questions.

Food Safety Inspections

To access the Food Safety Inspections report, click Applications in the dark blue bar then Food Safety Inspections from the list of applications.

Click Modify. Once data has been entered for each building, click Save. Click Edit to return to the Food Safety Inspection, or click Finish to return to the Application Packet.





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Summer Workshops 2023

The 2023 Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Summer Workshop registration is now available. **CLICK HERE Summer Workshop Registration**

Training hours will be obtained to apply towards Professional Development requirements. You are invited to join our team for a day of in-person training and networking opportunity. During this summer's workshop activities, School Food Service staff will take home lots of big ideas, participate in networking opportunities, and engage in donated foods topics - we have something informative and enjoyable for all. We look forward to seeing all of you this summer!

If you cannot attend the Summer Workshops please visit our trainings page for past training videos and presentations. There are **no** virtual options for the 2023 Summer Workshops.

This year we are pleased to announce, that we are holding the workshops at four locations across the state –

- Wentzville, June 28 and 29 Workshop Completed
- Cameron, July 26, CLICK HERE Summer Workshop Registration
- Lee's Summit, July 27 Registration is FULL
- Columbia, August 3 Registration is FULL

The Cameron Summer Workshop will be held on July 26 at Cameron High School, 1022 S. Chestnut Street, Cameron, MO 64429.

The registration deadline for Cameron is July 17, 2023.

Helpful reminders:

- In order to attend, you must register.
- No on-site registrations will be allowed.
- Rooms could be cold, so remember your sweater or jacket.
- Please bring writing utensils, these will not be provided.

Panel Discussion: Menu's that Make Sense

During the workshop we are looking for School Food Service experts to participate in a panel. Please contact Barbara Shaw if interested.

- Food Service Directors
- Distributors
- Industry
- · School Chefs
- Retired Food Service Directors

If you have questions concerning the summer workshops, please call Food and Nutrition Services at 573-751-3526.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information for 2023-24 SY



Provided is the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) application informational letter for the 2023-2024 SY. This letter and instructions to completing the FFVP Application Packet are also located on the DESE, Food and Nutrition Services homepage under News and Updates.

The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2023, and must be completed via the Web Application System.

Elementary schools with 50% or more students eligible for free or reduced price meals as of October 2022 or CEP claiming percentage is above 50% can fill out the *USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Application* to competitively apply to participate for the 2023 -2024 school year.

Please contact Food and Nutrition Services at 573-751-7564 or 573-751-4402 if you have any questions.

FY22 Equipment Grant Additional Funding Opportunity

USDA announced an additional \$50 million in Equipment Assistance Grant funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (PL 117-2) under section §1001 (b)(4). The additional funding will support school food authorities (SFAs) in providing healthy and appealing meals by meeting vital food service equipment needs.

All LEAs may apply but priority will be based on the selection criteria factors stated under the competitive application process in the letter linked below.

- Equipment Grant Ineligible List Updated July 2023
- Equipment Grant Additional Funding Letter
- Equipment Grant Additional Funding Application

Click here for additional Equipment Grant Information and the claim form.

The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2023.











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